



Club Rideshare

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Free Shuttles from Tustin and Irvine Stations



Now you can connect from Metrolink stations in Irvine and Tustin to more nearby OC worksites, thanks to **two new iShuttle routes**. Show your valid Metrolink or OC Bus pass to ride free. (Standard fare is \$1 cash fare for single ride or \$5 for a 10-ride card).

From the Tustin Station: Route 405F covers the area southwest of the station, with the last section circulating counterclockwise near Gillette and Armstrong.

From Irvine Station: Route 404E covers areas south and east of the station, ending at the Los Olivos Apartments off Irvine Center Drive.

The bright green and blue iShuttle buses are timed to meet trains and will wait up to 15 minutes. Each includes two bike racks.

Additional iShuttle routes are available from both stations to other areas of Orange County.

Half-Price on OC Flex Group Rides

As an introductory promotion, group rides on OC Flex are half price until April 28.

OC Flex is an on-demand, curb-to-curb shuttle serving two zones – parts of Aliso Viejo, Mission Viejo, and Laguna Niguel and parts of Huntington Beach and Westminster.

During the 50% off promotion, two people can ride unlimited all day for \$4.50 (rather than \$9), three people for \$6.75 (usually \$13.50), and

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“Why I Rideshare”

When asked why he rides the bus to work, Jim Volz jokes that it’s because his teenage kids use his car. Another big reason (and why he’d recommend the bus to others): He saves time. “The bus is actually faster than if I were to drive,” he says. “And it drops me off right in front of the building.”



Jim catches OC Bus 83 at the Laguna Hills transportation center to his job in Public Works in Santa Ana. The 18-mile trip only takes 30 minutes. Plus, he doesn’t need to worry about parking because he carpools with his wife to the bus depot.



Take Metrolink to the Swallows Day Parade

The 61st annual Swallows Day Parade and street fair is March 23 in downtown San Juan Capistrano, celebrating the return of the swallows to the mission.

Planning to go? Avoid parking (continued)



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Half-Price on OC Flex Group Rides

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four people for \$9 (normally \$18). To receive the discount, you must book and pay using the **mobile app**.

OC Flex is a service of Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA). All drivers are professionally trained and certified, making it a safe and reliable option.

To find out more—including exclusive **discounts and offers** for OC Flex riders—visit octa.net/ocflex.



Swallows Day Parade (continued from front)

hassles and take **Metrolink's OC or IEOC Line to the San Juan Capistrano Station**, where a free shuttle will take you to all the action.

It's only \$10 to ride Metrolink all day on weekends (free if you're a monthly pass holder). Kids under six ride free.

New OC Busbook

OC Bus recently made minor adjustments to dozens of its routes. Check the **OC Busbook** to see if your usual route is impacted.



Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

We'd like to extend a big "congrats" and thanks for ridesharing to February winners of the Club Rideshare monthly prize drawing of \$25:

- Jenny Guda, OCWR
- Daniel Cutierrez, Clerk-Recorder
- Guadalupe Cortez, OCPW



55 on the 405

Just a reminder that if you're traveling on I-405, the speed limit is now 55 m.p.h. between SR-73 and I-605 due to construction—including carpool lanes. Check posted signs!

Have You Moved?

If your home address, work/home phone numbers or email have changed, please let the Rideshare Office know by sending an email to rideshare@ocgov.com.



Are You Paying Too Much Income Tax?

A tax season reminder from the Rideshare Office... If you vanpool or ride the bus/Metrolink to work and you aren't signed up for the Commuter Choice program, you could be paying more income tax than you need to.

Commuter Choice allows you to purchase your fares through a convenient monthly payroll deduction using pre-tax dollars. By doing so, you can reduce your taxable income—up to the IRS limit of \$260 each month.

For details, contact the **Rideshare Office**, or fill out and submit the **Voluntary Payroll Deduction Authorization form**.



Introducing...OC Bus Mobile Ticketing App 2.0

If you use the OC Bus Mobile Ticketing App to show proof of fare when boarding your bus, there's an updated version of the app available.

The 2.0 Mobile App makes it easier to make repeat purchases, split payments and buy multi-rider tickets. There's also a friendlier interface, larger buttons and Touch ID or Face ID security.

The app (and update) is available for **free on the Apple Store and Google play**.



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